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The Honorable Dora L. Irizarry  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re:     United States v. Michael Hintze  
Criminal Docket No. 17-155 (DLI)

Dear Judge Irizarry:

The government respectfully submits this letter pursuant to the Court's Order dated May 2, 2022 directing the government to provide a status as to the application to apply forfeiture monies received against the restitution owed in this case.

The government's restoration/remission application to the Department of Justice's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section ("MLARS") is still pending. Pursuant to its guidelines, MLARS will render its decision after evaluation of all of the victims' petitions in this multiple-defendant case. My understanding is that a decision should be forthcoming in approximately 60 days.

Thank you for Your Honor's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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